

### Testimony in SUPPORT of:

- [S.B. No. 184](#) (Raised) An Act Extending Through November 8, 2022, Several Changes Regarding Election Administration as a Result of Covid-19 and Concerning Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot.
- [H.B. No. 5262](#) (Raised) An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes.

**Hearing: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM**

Dear Members of the Government and Administrations Election Committee, Rep. Exum and Senator Slap:

I am writing in **SUPPORT SB 184 and HB5262** There are no two ways around it, Covid was and remains a public health emergency. As a senior with underlying health conditions, I was extremely fearful of voting in person and appreciated the option to vote by absentee ballot due to Covid. I hope that you will support **SB184** which will extend this measure through the November election. As much as I would like to be done with Covid-19 the unfortunate fact is that it is here for a while. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Additionally, please **SUPPORT HB5262** which will bring our state statutes in line with our CT state Constitution. Not only is it smart, from a consistency point of view, but in the event of future pandemics or medical emergencies it would enable all registered voters to vote by absentee ballot in case of illness without our state government having to rush to pass last minute legislation. Always best when we can be proactive rather than reactive.

Thank you for supporting measures to expand voter access to the ballot.

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